THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Keeping in view the requirement of very good road for transportation along Jamshedpur-Ranchi-Hazaribagh corridor, four laning of Hazaribagh-Ranchi and Ranchi-Jamshedpur sections of NH-33 has been included in NHDP Phase-IIIA and IIIB respectively for implementation by NHAI on BOT(Toll) basis. NHAI had invited bids for four laning of Hazaribagh-Ranchi section but no bid has been received by the last date of submission. NHAI has proposed restructuring of bid which is under consideration. DPR for Ranchi-Jamshedpur section of NH-33 is in progress. The target date of completion of NHDP Phase-IIIA and IIIB are December, 2010 and December, 2013 respectively.

**Ahmedabad-Vadodara expressway**

1326. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that extension of Ahmedabad-Vadodara expressway upto Mumbai is proposed to be undertaken under the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP); and

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Government has approved for construction of 1000 expressway at a cost of Rs. 16,680 crore (1st January, 2006 price) in the country under Phase-VI of National Highway Development Project (NHDP). NHDP Phase-VI includes the section of Vadodara to Mumbai (400 kms.).

(b) Action has been taken to engage International Consultants for preparation of feasibility report for Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway.

**Permission for laying water supply pipelines across NHs**

1327. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is necessary for the States to get permission from the National Highways Authority of India for laying water supply pipelines which require crossing at National Highways:

(b) if so, whether the delay in permission caused the delay in implementation of the project;

(c) the number of such, proposals received from various States which are pending for the last three years, particularly from the State of Gujarat; and

(d) whether these proposals would be cleared?